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Summary: Post-Assassination; Mexico

1. Info from Cable traffic to and from Mexico City, and from Oswald's Mexican file

a. November 22, 1963.

1. Mexi 7014 originated by [H. Manell] & released by W. Scott. Reports hearing about Oswald's arrest on a VOA broadcast. HQ attention directed to Mexi 6453, DIR 74830 and Mexi 6534. "Request priority pouch photo Oswald so that station can check all recent [photographic] coverage for Iden. Forwarding soonest copies of only visitor ~~to~~ to Sovemb 28 Oct. who could ~~be~~ ~~be~~ be identical with Oswald." (29-12) no R.S.

2. Dispatch HMNA-22533 - attached are only photos taken on 1 Oct. "which appeared to be an American"; reports

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visit on 4 October; copies shown to Ambassador; and one copy each of 2 photos given to ~~the~~ Chief, FBI, in Mexico. A handwritten note indicates that 4 pictures from 1 Oct + 4 from 4 Oct. were sent with this dispatch.

3. A letter from "Kirk" to "J. C." Elton Rude took the letter to Dallas and mailed it from there. "Reference is made to our conversation of 22 November in which I requested permission to give the Legal Attaché copies of photographs of a certain person who is known to you." Attached to the letter are copies of the photos with the dates stamped on the backs. The Ambassador decided it was very important to get the photos to Dallas so the

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naval attache is taking them to Dallas on a special flight. (32-14)

B. November 23, 1963

1. OIR 84802 (26-8) referenced to Mexi 7014 says:

"Thanks. This connection was also noted here."

The originator and A.O. was [John M. Whitten] (C/w H-3).

The releasing officer was Thomas Karamessines.

2. Mexi 7019, originated and released by Tim Scott, reports that they have pictures of the "imidentified American type who is possibly Oswald" going into the Cuban Embassy pictures on 15 October. The cable also reports that they are checking the photos from other dates. (27-10)

3. OIR 84821 originated with [John M. Whitten]. It was released by [W. Mallory] C500 for [John M. Whitten]

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by direction Thomas
Karamessines ADDP." It
says: "Send staffer with
all photos Oswald to
HQs on next available
flight. Call Mr. [Whitten]
at [652-6827] on arrival."

4. Mexi 7021, originated, released
and authenticated by [Allen
White] reports that an
FBI agent left Mexico at 8:00
pm with two copies of
six photos of the man
believed to be Oswald. One
copy was going to ^{J.C.} ~~Jack Whitten's~~ ^{K.W.} home, as Scott was so
instructed in a telephone
call from him. Copies of
these photos, plus two
taken at the Cuban
Embassy were being sent
by pouch. Cable asks if
They (HQ) still wants a
staffer to bring the
photos.

5. DIR 84822 (52-22) is missing
from the Mexico City Chrono.

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It says there isn't any need to send a staffer with the photos. Cable says they have asked the Navy for photos again but suggests that checking the wire services would be quicker. It also reports that HQ has "just re-emphasized" the sensitivity of the photos to the FBI. This cable was routed to Scott [White] and [D'Anito.]

6. DIR 84886 (40-5-41) originated by D BIRCH O'NEAL. The AD was [John Whitten] and the R.O. is indcipherable, he is designated as C/WH but it is not J.C. King.

1. Important you review [Soviet Embassy] tapes and transcripts since 27 September to locate all material possibly pertinent to subject reference.

2. Dispatch [soonest] by

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special courier, staffer if necessary, full transcripts and original tapes if available all pertinent material.

3. Are original tapes available?

(no Mexi R.S.)

7. DIR 84888 (39-38)

Originator and AO [John Whitten]

RO: William Hood

"[FBI] says that photos of man entering Soviet Embassy which Mexi sent to Dallas were not of Lee Oswald. Presume Mexi has doubled (sic) checked dates of these photos and is also checking all pertinent other photos for possible shots of Oswald"

8. Mexi 7023 (49-545)

Originated + AO: Anne Goodpasture released by Tim Scott. accurately reports conversation of 9/28/63 about address. Reports that the

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unidentified American is probably LHO in view of his claimed visit on this day. The ID can not be positive because "Station unable compare voice as first tape erased prior receipt second call." This cable also corrects the date given for the picture referred to in Mexi 7014.

"PARA ~~3~~ Mexi three Mexi 7014 should be one repeat one Oct. 63. Same subject visited Sovemb 4 Oct. But not recorded [by tapes] that date."

(NO RS)

9. MEXI 7024 (62-24)

O + AO: [Herbert Macell]

RO: Scott.

"Other than info already ~~available~~ sent re Oswald's connection with Sov. and Cuban embs, no other info available. However, station staff combining all available

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materials.... Probable that
Osvaldo conversation
[Soviet Embassy] tapes
erased. However rechecking
all unerased tapes [in
their possession]."

-(no R.S.)

10. Mexi 7025 (60-550)

O + AO: Anne Goodpasture

RO: Scott

reports accurate copies of
transcripts of 9/28/63 conversa-
tion about the address and
the 10/1/63 conversation wherein
LHO IDs himself; last paragraph:
" [Boris Tarasoff] who did
transcriptions says Osvaldo
is identical with person
[in first conversation reported]
speaking broken Russian
who called from Cuban
Embassy 28 September to Soviet
Embassy" (no R.S.)

11. Mexi 7028 (58-549)

Oriq + RO: Scott; no A.O.

" 1. COS had urgent call to see
[Boris Tarasoff] ^{AFPM} 23 Nov.

2. COS thought would be for

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A facmz Pres. of
[Echivernia] expression condolence
over loss of Pres. Kennedy but
developed that [Mexican's
Soviet Embassy tap] had
located call to Soviet Embassy
of Lee Oswald made on 28
September.

AFPM

3. Believe fact that [Echivernia]
aware of this contact (from
[our joint operation]) and
passed data to COS is
important.

RS indicates distribution to
[White] Scott and [White] Scott
noted that he was going
to do a memo about the
meeting.

12 MEXI 70290 (56-20)

Orig & R.O.: Scott; no A.O.
reports seeing photos of LHO
on TV previous night and it
is obvious that the photos
sent to Dallas are not of LHO.
Inform H.Q. that Mexi is ~~claiming~~
reviewing all photos of persons
entering & leaving the Embassies.
(No RS.)

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13. Mexi 7033 (55-546)

Orig + A.O. : Goodpasture.

R.O. : Scott.

"For additional calls [Sovemb]
probably repeat probably
Oswald" :
reports:

a. 9/27/63 call to MA

b. 9/27/63 4:05 call

c. 9/27/63 4:26 call

d. 10/1/63 call to MA at 1031

e. 10/3/63 call to MA.

First three sent in Spanish,
last two in English.

R.S. indicates Scott, White and
Goodpasture. Scott noted
that he had received call
at 1620 hrs Mexi time from
[Jack Whitten] and he had
told [Whitten] that these
transcripts "would lie
on route to him soon."

14 Mexi 7034 (59-23)

Orig + A.O. : [Alan White]

R.O. : Scott.

"Complete recheck photos all
visitors to Cuban Emb August
through the first half Nov

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Against good press photos shows
no evidence Oswald visit.

Similar blank against all
Soviet photos from 1 Sept.

Note only visit we know he
made ~~to~~ was Cuban Embassy
28 Sept, Saturday on which
Emb. closed and we have not
had coverage. Our picture will
require at least half day
photo coverage both Sov
and Cuban Embassies."

RS to Scott.

15 Mex 7044 (77-558)

Orig. A.O. [Herbert Manell]

no R.O. indicated on copy

8 November 24, 1963.

1. DIR 84914 (38-13)

missing from Chrono

(note DIR 84916 and DIR 84917 are
not relevant to subject matter
covered here but they are
dated 11/23/63.)

"It is extremely urgent that
we get, if at all possible,
verbatim transcripts in
English of all Oswald

[intercepts and other take]

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which could relate to him.

Please cable these immediate,
without regard to economy of
words."

R.S indicates Scott + [White.]

2. DIR 84920 (65-25)

Orig + A.O.: [Whitten]

R.O.: "by authority of Karames-
sines.

HQ still puzzled about whether
LHO seeking visas for quick
escape or peaceful move,
timing of move, disposition
of wife. Asks for reanalysis
of transcripts + questioning
of Duran on this point.
(no R.S.)

3. Mexi 7053 (83-30)

Orig. + A.O.: [Alan White]

R.O. Scott. report providing cropped
mm photo to Mexican
authorities for hotel
investigation.

4. Mexi 7054 (84-565) [White] + Scott

ref: DIR 84920.

"With Mexi 7933 (sic. probably
should be 7033) HQ has full

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transcripts all pertinent calls
Regret complete seecheck. Shows
tapes for this period already
erased. Station feeling that
above is best ~~poss~~ answer
obtainable to ref... but will
request reinterrogation Duran
if HQ still desires."
(No R.S.)

D. November 25, 1963

1. Orig: unclear but may be
R Eichardt

R.O. JC King DIR 84926

A.O. [Jack Whitten]

requests that [a] penetration
agent in the Cuban Embassy
be asked about his knowledge
of LHO's contacts w/ Cub. and
Dow. Emb.

(no R.S.)

2. Mexi 7065 (96-572)

Orig & A.O.: unidentified

R.O.: Scott

[penetration agent] disclaimed
any knowledge of Oswald
visits."

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1. November 27, 1963

Memo from Scott to Anderson
transmits transcripts of:

a. 9/27/63 10:37 call
b. " 4:05 "
c. " 4:26 "
d. 9/28/63 11:51 "
e. 10/1/63 10:31 "
f. 10/1/63 10:35 "
g. 10/3/63 3:59 "

2. DIR 85245

Orig + A.O.: [John Whitten]

R.O.: JC King

Dept of Justice preparing
report on assassination +
will want to include
info on LHO's Mexi activities

"Obviously the [Soviet
Embassy] wiretap info
as such cannot be used."
Suggests using Duran
for some basic info.

Also expressed concern
over fact that FBI
HQ is getting info
obtained from FBI Mexi
to originates with the
[wiretap]. Do not want to
[compromise] SECURITY OPERATION 0000352

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F. November 28, 1963.

1. Mexi 7115 (196-628)

Orig + A.O. : [Alan White]

RO : Scott

reports that [the two penetration agents at the Cuban Embassy] did not have "any personal knowledge" Oswald's presence Cuban Embassy at any time.

(RS - [White] + Scott.)

2. Mexi 7119 (196-80) Ref. DIR 85-245:

Orig + RO : Scott - no A.O.

Reports that Legat has been given all ^{PERTINENT} info from the Lovemb Tapes, including the 10/16/63 memo. Also reports he has reemphasized sensitivity of source to Legat.

(RS indicates [White], Scott, Phillips, [Shaw] and Woodpasture.)

G. December 2, 1963

1. NYT story by Jack Langguth entitled "Oswald's mother places blame on Federal and Dallas Officers" says:

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"She [Mrs. Oswald] insisted that on the night of Nov. 23, about 17 hours before Ruby shot her son, an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations showed her Ruby's photograph.

The FBI would officially make no comment on Mrs. Oswald's charge. It was understood, however, that Federal agencies had acknowledged that she had been shown a photograph that night for identification, but spokesmen would not disclose whether it was that of Ruby."

H. December 3, 1963.

I. NYT story entitled "FBI denies showing Mrs. Oswald Ruby Photo"

I. December 4, 1963.

I. Mexi 7241 (289-694)

Orig. and A.O. : Anne Goodpasture
Coordinated in draft: Phillips
Released: Scott.

"Station holding all reels from
22 November 63 for Booth

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Cuban and Soviet Embassies.
Unless advised to contrary,
station will erase routine
tapes Soviet Embassy
keeping normal two week
lag. Can retain Cuban
tapes as long as HQS wishes.
If period to extend indefinitely,
may need more tapes.
[Have two months supply
new tapes at station.]

(289-694 no R.S.)

J. December 9, 1963

1. DIR 87770 (354-719) Ref: Mexi 7244

orig: [John Whitten]

RO: [Whitten] by direction of
Richard Helms.

"Please do not erase any Soviet
or Cuban tapes until further
notice. Advise [how much
more tape you need]"
(no R.S.)

A note attached to the
copy of this cable in
Oswald's Mexi file says:

"Mr. Scott: [Charles Flick]
was told yesterday but I
told him not to tell the

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[Soviet tap operation] people - just keep bringing in the reels to me [(the ones I give them are not labeled so they don't necessarily know which ones return).] The storage problem is one for us and as the reels come in with transcriptions, I store them. When we can erase them, I'll take off the labels [and] send them back out. [Flick] agrees with me that we have a month to six weeks reserve.

Nevertheless, am requesting 500 new ones - if not needed for this, we can store half of them with

[] for not yet known targets. amne 10 Dec 63. 16

K. December 11, 1963

1. MEXI 7352 (372-728) Ref: DIR 87770

Orig + A.O.: Goodpasture

R.O.: Scott.

reports that they use about [6 dozen tapes per week for] both Cub + Sov Emb. Asks

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that HQ pouch [6 dozen each week] until notice to erase received. "Is there something particular which Mexi should watch for or should tapes and/or transcripts be pouched HQS."

(no R.S.)

L. December 13, 1963.

1. DIR 88680 (383-157) ref: mexi 7352
orig: [Whitten]

R.O: "by authority of Helms.
"Upon receipt you may resume usual practice
of keeping Cuban and
Soviet tapes two weeks
and then erasing, but
please do not erase
tapes made between 22
Nov. and present. Will
advise on these. Do
not pouch to HQRS."

(no R.S.)

M. December 16, 1963

1. DIR 89366 (409-754) Ref 7025

Orig: [Whitten]

R.O: "by direction of Helms.

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HQ wants to know who the "Apparicio" may have been who Duran referred to in 9/28 conversation.

"Pld have [monitors] make every effort to identify voices of various Soviets to whom Oswald spoke on the telephone or who dealt with his case with Sylvia Duran."

(RS indicates cable went to Scott, [White,] Phillips, Wool pasture)

N. December 26, 1963.

1. Mexi 7527 (440-178)

A.O: Phillips

R.O: Scott

response to DIR 89366

[Apparicio] on sick leave during significant period. Can not ID people LHO spoke with because tapes erased.

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